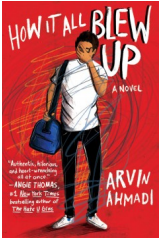


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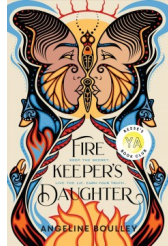


How It All Blew Up
Ahmadi, Arvin

[YA AHMADI](#)

Fleeing to Rome in the wake of coming out to his Muslim family, a failed relationship and blackmail, 18-year-old Amir Azadi embarks on a more authentic life with new friends and dates in the Sistine Chapel before an encounter with a U.S. Customs officer places his hard-won freedom at risk.

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Firekeeper's Daughter
Boulley, Angeline

[YA BOULLEY](#)

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths.

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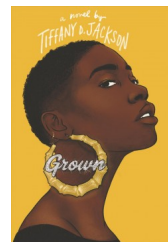


Legendborn
Deonn, Tracy

[YA DEONN](#)

Wanting to escape her previous life after the accidental death of her mother, 16-year-old Bree enrolls in a program for high school students at the local university before her witness to a magical attack reveals her undiscovered powers as well as sinister truths about her mother's death.

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Grown
Jackson, Tiffany D.

[YA JACKSON](#)

When legendary R&B artist Korey Fields spots Enchanted Jones at an audition, her dreams of being a famous singer take flight. Until Enchanted wakes up with blood on her hands and zero memory of the previous night. Who killed Korey Fields?

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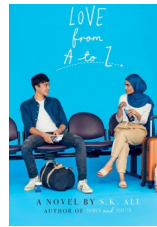


Elatsoe
Little Badger, Darcie

[J LITTLE](#)

Elatsoe lives in this slightly stranger America. She can raise the ghosts of dead animals, a skill passed down through generations of her Lipan Apache family. Her beloved cousin has just been murdered, in a town that wants no prying eyes. But she is going to do more than pry. The picture-perfect facade of Willowbee masks gruesome secrets, and she will rely on her wits, skills, and friends to tear off the mask and protect her family.

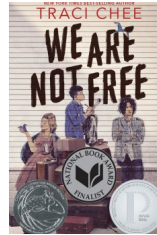
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Love From A to Z
Ali, S. K.

Eighteen-year-old Muslims Adam and Zayneb meet in Doha, Qatar, during spring break and fall in love as both struggle to find a way to live their own truths.

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We Are Not Free
Chee, Traci

[YA CHEE](#)

Growing up together in the community of Japantown, San Francisco, fourteen second-generation Japanese American teens find their bond tested by widespread discrimination and the mass incarcerations of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

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Not So Pure and Simple
Giles, L. R.

[YA GILES](#)

High school junior Del Rainey unwittingly joins a Purity Pledge class at church, hoping to get closer to his long-term crush, Kiera.

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Tokyo Ever After
Jean, Emiko

[YA JEAN](#)

After learning that her father is the Crown Prince of Japan, Izumi travels to Tokyo, where she discovers that Japanese imperial life--complete with designer clothes, court intrigue, paparazzi scandals, and a forbidden romance with her handsome but stoic bodyguard--is a tough fit for the outspoken and irreverent eighteen-year-old from northern California.

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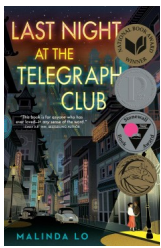


You Should See Me in a Crown
Johnson, Leah

[YA JOHNSON](#)

Liz Lighty has always done her best to avoid the spotlight in her small, wealthy, prom-obsessed midwestern high school. Her family is black and rather poor, especially since her mother died. She has concentrated on her grades and her musical ability in hopes that it will win her a scholarship to elite Pennington College and their famous orchestra where she plans to study medicine--but when that scholarship falls through she is forced to turn to her school's scholarship for prom king and queen, which plunges her into the gauntlet of social media and leads her to discoveries about her own identity and the value of friendships.

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Last Night At the Telegraph Club

Lo, Malinda

That book. It was about two women, and they fell in love with each other. Have you ever heard of such a thing?" Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu can't remember exactly when the question took root, but the answer was in full bloom the moment she and Kathleen Miller walked under the flashing neon sign of a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club. America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father--despite his hard-won citizenship--Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day.

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Game Changer

Shusterman, Neal

Transported into other dimensions by a seemingly random hit, a young football player visits alternate worlds that evolved differently in accordance with respective belief systems.

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[YA SHUSTERM](#)



Cemetery Boys

Thomas, Aiden

Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.

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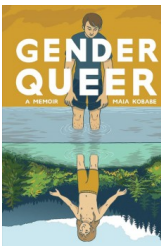
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[YA THOMAS](#)

Nonfiction



Gender Queer: A Memoir

Kobabe, Maia

Maia Kobabe, who uses e/em/eir pronouns, has written an intensely cathartic autobiography charts eir journey of self-identity, which includes the mortification and confusion of adolescent crushes, grappling with how to come out to family and society, bonding with friends over erotic gay fanfiction, and facing the trauma and fundamental violation of pap smears. Started as a way to explain to eir family what it means to be nonbinary and asexual, *Gender Queer* is more than a personal story: it is a useful and touching guide on gender identity--what it means and how to think about it--for advocates, friends, and humans everywhere.

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Furia

Méndez, Yamile Saied

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego.

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[YA MENDEZ](#)



The Loop

Oliver, Ben

Enduring a tortuous existence on a futuristic death row for teens where inmates can delay their execution date in exchange for becoming laboratory subjects, Luka uncovers rumors about chaos spreading throughout the outside world before he becomes targeted by his crazed fellow prisoners.

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[YA OLIVER](#)



Today Tonight Tomorrow

Solomon, Rachel Lynn

A bitter rivalry between two overachieving high school seniors erupts after one of them is named valedictorian on a day that finds them unexpectedly teaming up and falling for each other while competing against their fellow graduates during a farewell tour of Seattle.

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[YA SOLOMON](#)

Graphic Novel



Almost American Girl

Ha, Robin

For as long as she can remember, it's been Robin and her mom against the world. Growing up as the only child of a single mother in Seoul, Korea, wasn't always easy, but it has bonded them fiercely together. So when a vacation to visit friends in Huntsville, Alabama, unexpectedly becomes a permanent relocation--following her mother's announcement that she's getting married--Robin is devastated. Then one day Robin's mother enrolls her in a local comic drawing class, which opens the window to a future Robin could never have imagined.

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Check, Please! Book 1, #Hockey!

Ukazu, Ngozi,

A former junior figure skating champion and dedicated vlogger lands on his co-ed college hockey team, where he is challenged to overcome his fear of getting hit at the same time he falls desperately in love with his captain.

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